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## Bismarck Woman Sentenced for Theft from Turtle Mountain Housing Authority

BISMARCK - United States Attorney Timothy Q. Purdon announced that on January 21, 2011, Jane M. Martin, 60, of Bismarck, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland on a charge of theft from an Indian tribal organization. Martin pleaded guilty to the charge on November 1, 2010.

Judge Hovland sentenced Martin to two years of probation. Martin was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund and \$7500 in restitution.

Martin was employed as a development specialist with the Turtle Mountain

Housing Authority in Belcourt, North Dakota. Between June 2005 and August 2005,

Martin made fraudulent disbursements of down payment assistance funds in excess of

\$1000.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Office of Inspector General.

Assistant United States Attorney Brandi Sasse Russell prosecuted the case.